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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETERMINING THE
STATE OF BANK NOTES**

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated October 4, 2007 in the above application. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. This response is timely in view of a Petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response submitted herewith, including the requisite fee.

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Specification

An amendment of the written description is presented under the heading "Amendment to the Specification."

Amendments to the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading LIST OF CURRENT CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the

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application including any current amendments. This list of claims is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.